

IN THE CLAIMS:

The following is a complete listing of the claims with their status in parentheses.

1. (Previously presented) An igniter comprising:

an igniter body, said igniter body provided with a liquefied gas reservoir, and said igniter body having a holding portion;

a rod-like extension which extends from the igniter body for ejecting gas flame, said rod-like extension having a base portion, said base portion supported for rotation on said holding portion;

a lock lever rotatably mounted on a top side of said igniter body for operation by a user and an igniting lever mounted on a bottom side of said lighter body;

said lock lever capable of rotating in a first direction to lock said igniting lever, said lock lever capable of rotating in a second direction opposite to said first direction to engage said base portion of said rod-like extension to interfere with the rotation of said rod-like extension when the lock lever is operated to release the lock; wherein

the rod-like extension rotates with respect to the igniter body so that the angle made between the igniter body and the rod-like extension can be changed to change the direction of the flame port in a free state and locked when the igniting action is to be done.

2. (Previously presented) An igniter as defined in Claim 1, in which said base portion of the rod-like extension has a ring portion that rotates about an annular guide portion of said holding portion of the igniter body so that the angle made between the igniter body and the rod-like extension can be changed in a free state.

3. (Cancelled)

4. (Previously presented) An igniter as defined in Claim 1, in which a part of the lock lever interferes with a part of the rod-like extension, when the lock lever is operated to release the lock, to fix the angle between the igniter body and the rod-like extension.

5. (Previously presented) An igniter as defined in Claim 1 or 2 further comprising a tension member, which urges the rod-like extension to one direction with respect to the igniter body.

6. (Currently amended) An igniter comprising:
an igniter body, said igniter body provided with a liquefied gas reservoir,
and
a rod-like extension which extends from the igniter body and has a flame port ejecting gas flame therethrough on the leading end thereof

a lock lever mounted on a top side of said igniter body for operation by a user, said lock lever capable of engaging a base portion of said rod-like extension to interfere with the rotation of said rod-like extension, wherein

the base portion of the rod-like extension is supported for rotation with respect to the igniter body, and the rod-like extension is balanced by weights positioned on the ring portion thereof opposite to each other, with the center of rotation of the rod-like extension intervening therebetween such that said rod-like extension is held horizontal in a free state.

7. (Cancelled)

8. (Cancelled)

9. (Currently amended) An igniter as defined in Claim [[8]] 6, in which the lock lever locks the igniting action of the rod-like extension in a free state.